



MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

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Dear Mules:

The Muhlenberg basketball powerhouse continues to roll, bowling over opponents in the last six games to date. They have compiled a season record of fourteen wins and four losses. Their latest victims were:

MUHLENBERG	64	LEHIGH	46
MUHLENBERG	82	GETTYSBURG	46
MUHLENBERG	68	LAFAYETTE	53
MUHLENBERG	81	VALPARISO	65

The Lehigh game was played in Grace Hall, Bethlehem, and found the Mules playing rather erratic ball the first half. The second half was an entirely different story for Bud's boys pulled away from Lehigh's close defensive guarding and dropped 43 points through the hoop while holding the Engineers to 27 tallies. Harry Donovan with 16 and Al Saemmer with 14 points respectively led the Mule attack.

The Gettysburg Bullets came to Allentown and in a game, which was tiresome to watch at times, dropped an 82-46 decision to Muhlenberg. A near capacity crowd watched the Mules pile up the points while using most every player on the bench. Several of the substitutes played very nice ball and give every indication of success for coming seasons. Donovan with 17 points was followed closely by Danny Mackin who had thirteen markers.

Marty Zipple and company came to Allentown intent on taking home a victory over the Mules, but Donovan, Saemmer, Baldwin and company had rather definite ideas on that score, with the result that the Leopards were whipped 68-53. In fact, Zipple was held to two field goals during the first twenty minutes of play, as the Mules flooded the foul lanes and prevented Lafayette from capitalizing on their height.

Four thousands persons yelled themselves hoarse as the Mules, with Donovan and Saemmer doing an outstanding piece of floorwork, harnassed the Lafayette combination that was listed for nationwide recognition. Harry took individual scoring honors by dumping in a wide variety of shots for a total of 23 points. Saemmer was runner-up with 16 points on five goals and six out of eight fouls.

Dave DeLong had this to say about the second half of the game in his story in the Evening Chronicle: "The game was no pink tea in that violent last half. No quarter was asked or given. In the scrimmages, however, Lafayette came out second best. Wade Duym, who played a guard position, was taken out in a dazed condition during the early part of the second leg when he fell flat on his face striking the hardwood so hard that he could not return to action. Marty Zipple overturned his ankle while making a shot on a fast turn but was able to continue. At various times, Warren Jordan and Jack Milne were bumped a bit. None of the Mules seemed to suffer inconvenience."

Perhaps the reason for this convincing defeat of Bill Anderson's crew, the second administered by the Mules this season, was the fact that the Allentown collegians were considerably sharper on their shooting than the Lafayette aggregation. Muhlenberg took 83 shots for field goals during the contest and scored 27, an average of nearly 33 percent. This is considered exceptionally good since most coaches are satisfied if 25% of the shooting attempts are successful. Lafayette took the same number of shots, 83, but could tally only 23 for 27.7 percent.

TO ITS MEN WHO FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM

A new collegiate record for scoring in Rockne Hall was set when Muhlenberg met Valpariso and defeated the Crusaders 81-65. Scoring 15 points in the last four minutes, Muhlenberg astonished the Vals with the ferocity of their attack and the accuracy of their shooting. As usual, Harry Donovan led the attack with ten field goals and eight fouls for a total of 28 points. He had a close competitor, however, in Al Bean, who was equally good on long set shots, hookers or layups. His 25 points kept the visitors in the running. The famous "T" formation, devised for the Vals by their coach, Loren Ellis, seemed to confuse the Mules somewhat in the opening moments, but their attack was soon solved and the Barker-coached boys racked up victory number fourteen amid the cheers and gasps of a well packed house.

The wrestlers dropped two meets to F. & M., 33-3 and Gettysburg, 16-14. The Diplomats simply had too much for Coach Carl Frankett's boys, the only decision which was registered in the Mules' favor coming when Delp defeated Wendell in the 155 pound class. The Gettysburg squad was extended to drop the Mules, with both teams winning four of the eight matches. Muhlenberg had one fall and three decisions, while the Bullets scored two falls and two decisions. Falls net the winning team five points, decisions only three.

Paul J. Gebert, long associated with Muhlenberg College and the old Allentown Preparatory School has been named acting registrar of the College by President Levering Tyson. Mr. Gebert succeeds Dean of Freshmen Harry "Haps" Benfer who was recently relieved of his record-keeping responsibilities in order to devote his full time to his work as Dean of Freshmen and to his new duties as Director of Admissions. Under the college's reorganized administration plan, the registrar's sole responsibilities will be to keep the academic record of all students. Mr. Gebert, who is a graduate with the class of 1917, was associated with the Allentown Preparatory School for 22 years prior to its closing in 1939. Since that time he has been serving as assistant registrar.

The first twelve families to occupy the government-built apartment units in the temporary housing development moved into their new quarters about ten days ago. When the development is completed early this spring, it will provide apartments for 37 married veterans who are members of the college student body. A dormitory housing 62 veterans and located on the same site was occupied Feb. 1. The first choice was given in apartments to veterans with children and the twelve families have a total of sixteen youngsters. Each apartment has two bedrooms, a living room, a bath and a combination kitchen and dinette.

I had hoped to get this letter finished in one day, but trying to answer all the phone calls for our excursion to New York for the game with L.I.U. in the Garden, delayed it a bit. So I can report that last night, the Mules won the Northern Division crown in the Middle Atlantic Conference with a 79-48 victory over Gettysburg on their home floor. The Muhlenberg marksmen took 74 shots from the floor and 31 found the mark. The team play of the Cardinal collegians was outstanding, as Muhlenberg, employing the zone defense, forced Gettysburg to shoot from outside the foul lane. Harry Donovan, tabbed the "machine-gunner" by his teammates, continued his scoring streak with 16 points via the set shot route. He was closely followed by Oscar "Red" Baldwin who garnered 14 points. In the preliminary game, the Muhlenberg JV's who were trailing 19-27 at the half, rebounded in the last two quarters to take the game 58-56.

The wrestlers downed the Haverford squad last night also, to the tune of 19-13. The Cardinal and Gray grapplers scored wins in all but the 136, 165 and 175 pound classes.

At the present writing, Harry Donovan is third in the collegiate scoring race in Pennsylvania. Frankie Keath of Elizabethtown College is holding down the lead with 366 points, a 55 point edge over Joe Lord of Villanova. Harry has scored 265 points in 18 games and holds a slight margin over Westminster's Chet Dembinski.

This seems to be the end of the news for this time so I'll say so long for the moment. I'll be back in another two weeks. Drop me a line when you find time - the mail bag has been pretty thin lately.

Cordially,
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